

REBECCA ERIN LILLY TROPHY
CITY CHAMPIONS
CYO Varsity Girls' Mid-Atlantic Basketball

"Becca"

Becca was born July 18, 1980 and died June 25, 1997. Becca loved sports, family, food, life, and God, in no specific order. Growing up the second of 4 siblings in St. Bernadette's parish, she played basketball, softball and soccer, beginning in kindergarten.

Becca found out she had a cancerous brain tumor in the summer of 5th grade. She began having seizures resulting in surgery. Even though a lot of her time in the next 5½ years was spent on medical care including radiation trips, 4 additional surgeries, and other forms of treatment, Becca's focus was always on the future. Taking care of her new baby sister Sarah; playing with her brother Joe; or supporting her sister Anne Marie who played on the Marymount University basketball team, all took precedent over any thoughts of her condition. Three months before she died, Becca played on the championship St. Bernadette's Senior Girls Varsity team. She loved the game.

Her other love was children. Because classes at Good Counsel were sometimes a challenge for her, a special curriculum allowed her to go to St. Andrew's twice a week to work and play with the preschool.

Becca's story was picked up by *The Washington Post*. While she enjoyed the fame, it never went to her head. She became a true symbol of the saying "Be All That You Can Be". She lived with great love. Her tenacity, spirit and courage are examples for us today.



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